Graduate Affairs Committee Minutes

January 22, 2018

Members Present: Robert A. Vaughan, Jr. (Chair), Celeste Walley-Jean, Marcy Butler, Josh Kitchens, Craig Hill, MeriBeth Stegall, Fran Norflus, Keith Miller, James Smith, Emily Crews, Thomas McIlwain, Kelli Nipper, Mari Banks, Grace Nteff, Elliott Krop for Michael Dancs

Members Not Present: Andrea Allen, Susan Copeland, Patricia Smith, Emily Harbert, Charles Elfer, Dennis Attick

Guests: George Nakos and Heather Chaney

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes from November 13, 2017 Graduate Affairs Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes made by McIlwain and approved by the Committee.

The committee reviewed the graduate faculty applications below:

Dr. Sharon Jones, College of Health (Associate): motion to approve by Nteff, seconded by Stegall, approved by committee.

Dr. Keith Driscoll, College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (Full): motion to approve by Nipper, seconded by Kitchens, approved by committee.

Ms. Gabrielle Dudley, College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (Affiliate): motion to approve by Kitchens, seconded by McIlwain, approved by committee.

Dr. Kimberly Campbell, College of Health (Associate): motion to approve by Nteff, seconded by Walley-Jean, approved by committee.

Dr. Craig Hill brought up the language regarding graduate director membership and membership on the Graduate Affairs committee. Dr. Vaughan indicate he would prepare an update to the by-laws and send to the committee for review.

Dr. George Nakos presented the proposed changes to the MBA curriculum and the proposal for an online MBA degree program. After questions and discussion a motion to approve the proposal was made by Hill, seconded by McIlwain, and approved by the committee.

Dr. Vaughan explained the bookstore has selected a new vendor for commencement regalia. All members indicated the current hood colors are correct.

Dr. Vaughan indicated the Graduate Affairs committee would meet on the fourth Monday of each month in an effort to minimize holidays and the start of the semester.

Dr. Vaughan reminded everyone the open house was on January 25 and to be sure, a representative was available to answer any questions. Everyone was also encouraged to encourage students to register for summer semester as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor